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SUBJECT: WORLD POPULATION COMMITTEE - CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE - PRG
AND GRUNK

1. AT 12:15 P.M. AUGUST 26, US DEL WAS ALERTED BY ROMANIAN DIEGO
CORDOVEZ (UN SECRETARY TO CONFERENCE) THAT ALGERIAN REP WOULD RISE
ON POINT OF ORDER IN PLENARY AT 1250 MINUTES AND WOULD READ A SHORT
STATEMENT TO PLENARY ON PRG ISSUE. IF NO REPRESENTATIVE REBUTTED
STATEMENT IN PLENARY CORDOVEZ AND LATER, ROMANIANS
(AMBASSADOR TO UN DATCU) PROMISED THAT, EXCEPT
FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE, PRG ISSUE WOULD BE CLOSED AT THIS CONFER-
ENCE. AFTER MEETING WITH DATCU, US DEL (MCDONALD) MET WITH CORDOVEZ
PHAM VAN TRINH (SOUTH VIETNAMESE DEL) AND CAMBODIAN CHIEF OF
DELEGATION SO SATTA. US DEL LEARNED THAT INITIAL ALGERIAN
APPROACH TO ROMANIANS WAS THAT THEY PLANNED
TO CIRCULATE A PETITION CONTAINING SIGNATURES FROM 40 GOVERNMENTS
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URGING THAT PRG BE ADMITTED TO CONFERENCE AND ALLOWED TO SPEAK.

ROMANIANS CLAIMED (AND CORDOVEZ VERIFIED) THAT THEY SPENT THREE HOURS CONVINCING ALGERIANS, WHO SPOKE FOR SOME NON-ALIGNED, THAT THIS WAS MISTAKE AND THAT THEY WOULD NOT WIN A VOTE ON THIS ISSUE. FINAL AGREEMENT, WAS, AS STATED ABOVE, THE RELATIVELY LOW-KEY STATEMENT WOULD BE READ AND IF NO REBUTTAL FROM FLOOR THEN ISSUE WOULD BE ENDED (EXCEPT FOR CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE). CORDOVEZ HAD SEEN STATE

MENT AND SAID IT LOW KEY. HE ALSO AGREED TO INSURE THAT STATEMENT WOULD NOT BE INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE REPORT OR NOTED BY CONFERENCE BUT THAT UN CONFERENCE REPORT WOULD GIVE BRIEF FACTUAL STATEMENT THAT ALGERIAN REP HAD EXPRESSED CONCERN ON PART OF NON-ALIGNED AT PRG ABSENCE. IN MEETING WITH SOUTH VIETNAMESE AND CAMBODIANS REPS IT WAS AGREED THAT NO REBUTTAL WOULD BE MADE FROM FLOOR. SINCE CONFERENCE HALL WAS ONLY ONE-THIRD FULL, THERE WAS NO TIME TO RALLY SUPPORT FOR A VOTE ON SHORT NOTICE AND IN ANY EVENT THERE WAS NO GUARANTEE VOTE COULD BE WON IN VIEW FACT MOST DELEGATES WERE POPULATION EXPERTS AND NOT ACQUAINTED WITH POLITICAL NUANCES OF UN.

2. ALGERIANS, ON SCHEDULE, JUST PRIOR TO PLENARY BREAK FOR LUNCH ROSE ON POINT OF ORDER AND READ STATEMENT ALONG FOLLOWING LINES: "IN NAME OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS AT WPC, ALGERIA WISH TO EXPRESS CONCERN AND INDIGNATION THAT THE PRINCIPLE OF UNIVERSALITY IS BEING CONTRAVENED BY FACT THAT PRG ARE ABSENT FROM WPC. CHIEFS OF STATE AND HEADS OF NATIONAL LIBERATION MOVEMENTS PARTICIPATING IN CONFERENCE OF NON-ALIGNED NATIONS IN ALGERIA IN SEPTEMBER 1973 ALREADY AFFIRMED THAT PRG IS ONLY REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. UN ORGANS SHOULD NOT IGNORE PARIS AGREEMENT WHICH MAKES CLEAR THERE ARE TWO ADMINISTRATIONS, TWO ARMIES, ETC. THUS IT IS WRONG TO ATTRIBUTE TO SAIGON THE STATUS OF SOLE REPRESENTATIVE OF SOUTH VIETNAM. WPC SHOULD REJECT DISCRIMINATION AGAINST PRG".

ALGERIAN DELEGATE REQUESTED THAT STATEMENT BE INCLUDED IN CONFERENCE REPORT. CHAIR THANKED ALGERIAN AND ADJOURNED THE MEETING.

3. AMBASSADOR DATCU CAME UP AFTER STATEMENT AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR COOPERATION AND GAVE REASSURANCE THAT ISSUE WAS NOW FINISHED.

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4. US DEL MET WITH SECRETARIAT AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE REP AFTER ALGERIAN STATEMENT AND RECONFIRMED UNDERSTANDING ABOUT HOW MATTER WOULD BE HANDLED IN FINAL REPORT.

5. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE HELD FIRST MEETING 2:30 P.M. AUGUST 26. SECRETARIAT CIRCULATED DOCUMENT TO EFFECT THAT THEY HAD EXAMINED ALL CREDENTIALS AND FOUND THAT PARAGRAPH 3 OF RULES OF PROCEDURES

REQUIRING CREDENTIALS BE ISSUED BY HEAD OF STATE OR MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS HAD BEEN HANDLED PROPERLY IN MOST INSTANCES. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS HAD FORWARDED THEIR CREDENTIALS BY LETTERS FROM THEIR PERMANENT MISSIONS IN NY OR EMBASSIES IN ROMANIA. SEVERAL OTHERS HAD COMMUNICATED BY CABLE WHILE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, GAMBIA, GUINEA-BISSAU AND GUYANA WERE PRESENT BUT SUBMITTED NO CREDENTIALS. THE FOLLOWING STATES WERE NOT REPRESENTED AT THE CONFERENCE; BAHAMAS , BHUTAN, KUWAIT, LAOS, LIECHTENSTEIN, MALAWI, MALDIVES, MALTA, MONACO, NAURU, SAUDI ARABIA, SOUTH AFRICA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF NORTH VIETNAM.

6. PRC WAS FIRST TO SPEAK OUT AND IN SHORT STATEMENT MADE STRONG PITCH FOR GRUNK ATTENDANCE AS ONLY REPRESENTATIVE GOVERNMENT OF CAMBODIA AND IN LOW KEY FASHION EXPRESSED ITS FULL SUPPORT FOR PRG AND SAID IT WAS NOT RIGHT TO ALLOW SAIGON AUTHORITIES TO ATTEND IF PRG DID NOT ATTEND.

7. US DEL (MCDONALD) RESPONDED VIGOROUSLY ALONG LINES OF POSITION PAPER ON GRUNK AND US STATEMENT TO BUREAU PREVIOUSLY MADE WITH REGARD TO PRG. IN ADDITION, US DEL POINTED OUT THAT NEITHER ISSUE FELL WITHIN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE SINCE NO CREDENTIALS WERE BEFORE THE COMMITTEE. RULE 4 OF THE RULES OF PROCEDURE STATED THAT THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE "SHALL EXAMINE THE CREDENTIALS OF REPRESENTATIVES AND REPORT TO THE CONFERENCE

WITHOUT DELAY" AND THIS COULD NOT BE DONE SINCE ACCORDING TO THE SECRETARIAT REPORT THERE WERE NO CREDENTIALS TO LOOK AT FROM EITHER PRG OR GRUNK.

8. SOVIETS (VOLODARSKY, CHIEF OF DELEGATION) SPGBE IN SUPPORT OF PRG, STRESSING NEED FOR UNIVERSALITY, PARIS AGREEMENTS, AND COMMON CONFIDENTIAL

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SENSE. HE SAID HE SPOKE ON BEHALF OF EASTERN EUROPEAN SOCIALIST COUNTRIES, CUBA, MONGOLIA, WHO ALL CONSIDER SAIGON A PUPPET REGIME. HE ASKED THAT HIS STATEMENT BE MADE A PART OF THE RECORD OF THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE. (MEMBER ROMANIAN DELEGATION APPROACHED EMBASSY OFFICER (MAINLAND) LATER IN DAY AND SAID THAT SOVIETS WERE NOT SPEAKING FOR ROMANIANS WITH REGARD TO THIS ISSUE). IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT SOVIETS DID NOT MENTION GRUNK.

9. TANZANIA AND SENEGAL MADE BRIEF STATEMENTS SUPPORTING BOTH PRG AND GRUNK ATTENDANCE.

10. JAPAN THEN SPOKE AND SAID THAT CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WAS ONLY RESPONSIBLE FOR EXAMINING CREDENTIALS OF GOVERNMENTS INVITED AND NEITHER PRG NOR GRUNK HAD BEEN INVITED. THEY SUPPORTED CAMBODIAN

GOVERNMENT'S CREDENTIAGKGAND CITED ECOSOC'S DECISION NOT TO INVITE

PRG.

11. URUGUAY (CHAIRMAN OF COMMITTEE) SAID THAT HIS GOVERNMENT
WAS OF THE OPINION THAT THE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE WAS NOT COMPETENT
TO RULE ON PRG AND GRUNK ALSO QUOTED PARAGRAPH 4 OF RULES OF
PROCEDURE.

12. USSR PROPOSED POSTPONEMENT AND IT WAS AGREED CREDENTIALS
COMMITTEE WOULD MEET AGAIN TUESDAY, AUGUST 27.

13. AT US REQUEST, URUGUAYAN CHAIRMAN CALLED 5 DELEGATIONS TOGETHER
(URUGUAY, NICARAGUA, JAPAN, GREECE AND US) FOR 30 MINUTE MEETING
EVENING AUGUST 26 TO RECONFIRM GOVERNMENT POSITIONS. (WE WERE
PARTICULARLY WORRIED ABOUT GREECE). ALL 5 DELEGATIONS AGREED THAT IF
THEY WERE REQUIRED TO VOTE TO APPROVE THE CREDENTIALS OF SOUTH
VIETNAM AND CAMBODIA, WHICH WERE CURRENTLY BEFORE THE COMMITTEE,
THEY WOULD DO SO THERE-BY REJECTING PRG AND GRUNK.

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